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Ms. Joyce K. Frank
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Dear Ms. Frank,

I have recently been contacted by Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy of Mechanicsville, Virginia. Attached please find a copy of that correspondence. I would appreciate it if you could look into this matter and provide me with an appropriate response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator

MRW/mf

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Date: 1/8/2012

ALLENTOWN, Pa. -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency abruptly changed its mind Saturday about delivering fresh water to residents of a northeastern Pennsylvania village where residential wells were found to be tainted by a natural gas drilling operation.

Only 24 hours after promising them water, EPA officials informed residents of Dimock that a tanker truck wouldn't be coming after all. The about-face left residents furious, confused and let down -- and, once again, scrambling for water for bathing, washing dishes and flushing toilets.

Agency officials would not explain why they reneged on their promise, or say whether water would be delivered at some point.

mY cOMMENT: The problem as I see it is that the federal government is so busy with foreign aid that this government can't seem to help its' own citizens. Allentown Pa is in the middle of winter. These people have families to take care and jobs, maybe. We can spend 500 billion in the middle east but we can't help people that need water in Pa. It took those idiots in FEMA ten weeks to respond to an earthquake in Mineral VA. It is obvious that the government doesn't really care about it's citizens and continue to play the game lets see how little we can do for the working class. We have more government than anytime in history and we continue to get little response when emergencies occur. Welcome to the United States of America.